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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
Crowther, Donna J.

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EXAMINER: Dang, T.

SERIAL NO.: 09/634,195

GROUP ART UNIT: 1764

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FOR: Transition Metal Olefin
Polymerization Catalyst Having
Cyclopropenyl Derived Ligands

DATE: August 15, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to a restriction requirement mailed June 20, 2001, a petition for a one-month extension of time, to extend the time to respond until August 20, 2001, is submitted herewith.

In the restriction requirement, the claims in the above application were restricted as follows:

- Group I Claims 1-27, 32 and 33 drawn to a catalyst composition, classified in class 502, subclass 150+; and
- Group II Claims 28-31 drawn to a process for producing polymers classified in class 585, subclass 521.

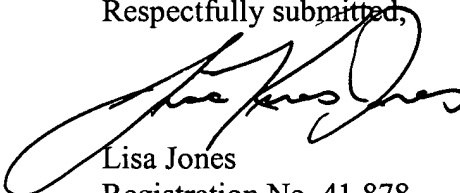
Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the Groups are interrelated such that a proper search of one Group would require a search of the classes and subclasses of the other Group. It would be more efficient to prosecute all the claims in this application together since they are directed to a polymerization process utilizing a particular catalyst precursor.

In order to facilitate prosecution, it is respectfully asked that all the claims in this case be examined on their merits together. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

If it would be of assistance to resolve any outstanding issues in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows. A version with markings to show changes made to the specification and the claims appear at the end of this response.

In the Specification

Please enter the attached replacement pages 3, 4 and 32.

In the Claims

Please enter the following as a replacement for claim 1:

1. (Once Amended) An olefin polymerization catalyst comprising a cationic complex that results from exposure of a neutral transition metal compound to an activator composition wherein the neutral transition metal compound may be represented by the following formula:

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